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In re application of: Andrew D. Barofsky & Kenton W. Gregory

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For: METHOD FOR USING TROPOELASTIN AND FOR PRODUCING  
TROPOELASTIN BIOMATERIALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with respect to the Final Office Action dated January 23, 2002 for Prior Serial No. 08/797,770 and CPA application filed herewith on June 24, 2002.

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification of the application to include the following:

*H1* *DS* *TM* This invention was made with U.S. Government support under Grant Number DAMD17-96-1-6006, awarded by the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

The US Government may have certain rights in the invention. --